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BOROUGH OF DORCHESTER

ANNUAL REPORT

by the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

C.D. Day, M.A., D.P.H., etc.

for the year

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BOROUGH OF DORCHESTER

HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

1937 - 1938.

Chairman : Alderman E.W. Tilley.
Vice-Chairman : " A.J. Rossiter.
His Worship the Mayor : Councillor W.H. Jewell.

Alderman A.R. Pope	Councillor E.L. Ling
" J.M. Underwood	" Miss W. Marsden, O.B.E.
" J.J. Walne	" L.C.L. Moore
Councillor R. Beavis	" A.C.R. Pope
" W.J. Fare	" T.H.H. Wheeler
" A.R. Jeffery	" G.A. Williams.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

1937 - 1938

Chairman : Alderman A.R. Pope
Vice-Chairman : Councillor W.H. Jewell (Mayor)

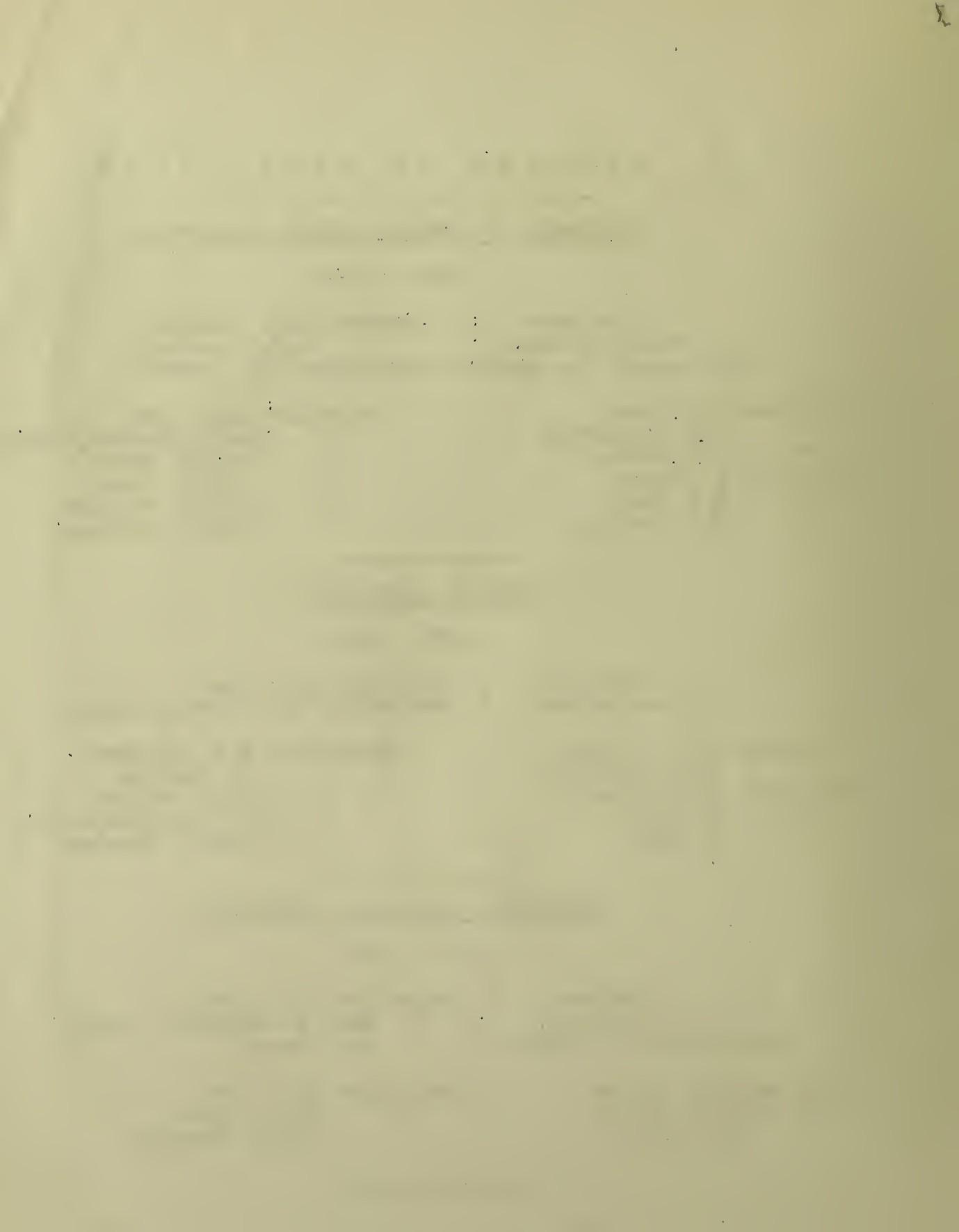
Alderman T.H. Tilley	Councillor E.L. Chalker
" A.J. Rossiter	" H. Harding
Councillor K.W. Abbott	" A.R. Jeffery
" R. Beavis	" Miss W. Marsden, O.B.E.
" V. Boon	" T.H.H. Wheeler

ISOLATION HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

1937 - 1938

Chairman : Councillor R.N. Dawes
Vice-Chairman : " Miss W. Marsden, O.B.E.
His Worship the Mayor: " W.H. Jewell

Alderman E.W. Tilley	Councillor E.L. Ling
Councillor K.W. Abbott	" H.G. Longman
" W.J. Fare	" T.H.H. Wheeler.



Public Health Officers of the Authority.

(a) Medical. Part-time officers:-

C.D. Day, M.A., D.P.H., etc. Medical
Officer of Health. M.O.H. Dorchester
Rural District.

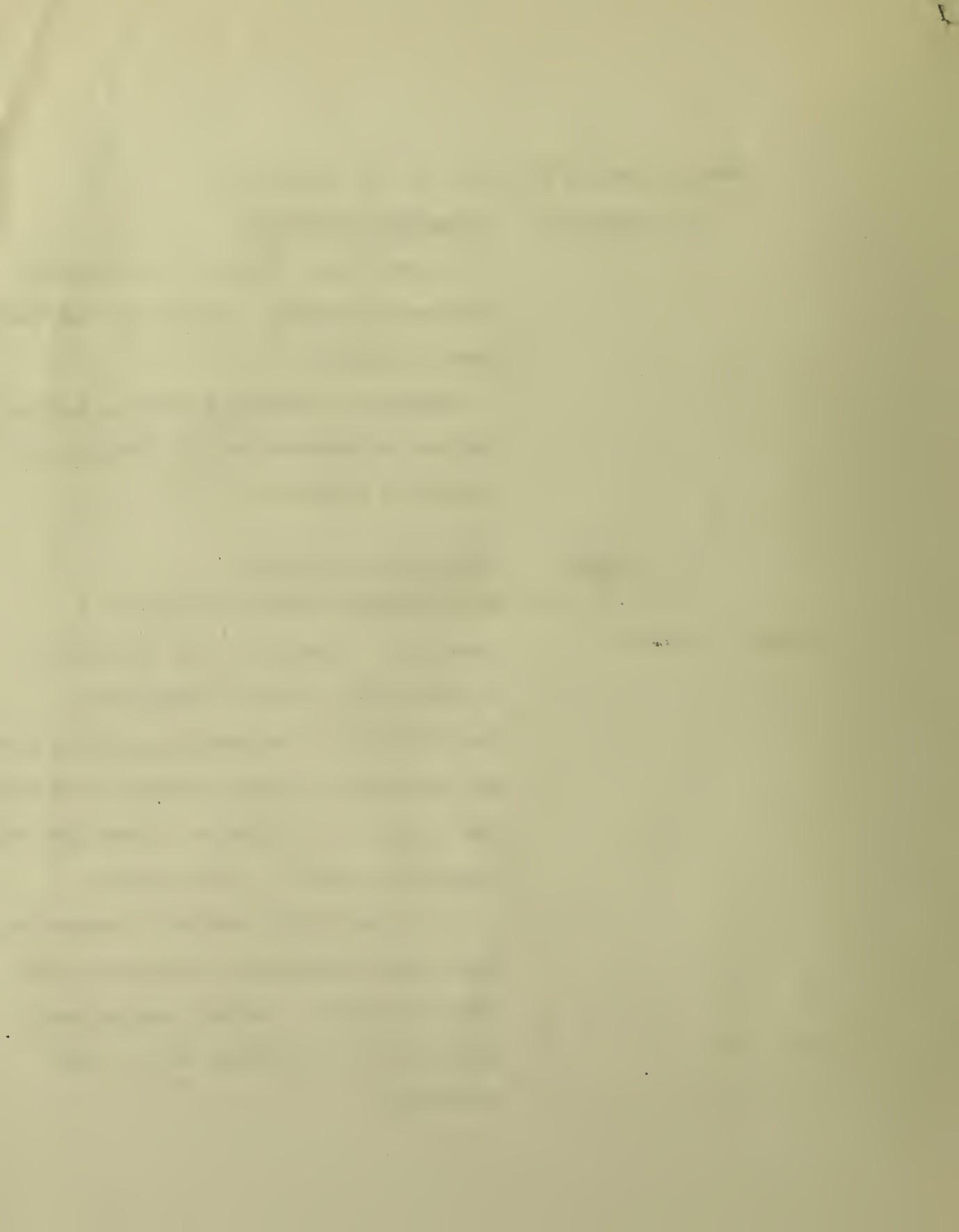
Dorothy M. Howse, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
Medical Superintendent of the Borough
Isolation Hospital.

(b) Others. Whole-time Officers:-

H.D. Strange, Borough Engineer &
Surveyor. Member of the Institute
of Municipal & County Engineers.

Health Duties:- Scavenging, collection
and Disposal of House Refuse, Cleansing
and Watering of Streets; Sewerage and
Sewage Disposal. Water supply.

E. Groombridge, Sanitary Inspector,
Cert. Royal Sanitary Institute, 1909. -
Inspector under Housing Regulations,
Shops' Act & Petroleum Acts - Meat
Inspector.



ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1937.

To

His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and
Councillors of the Borough of Dorchester.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my seventeenth annual report on the Sanitary circumstances, the sanitary administration and the vital statistics of the Borough of Dorchester.

The Report is arranged in accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Health.

SECTION A - STATISTICS and SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area - in acres 1682

Population (estimated resident mid-year 1937) 10,190.

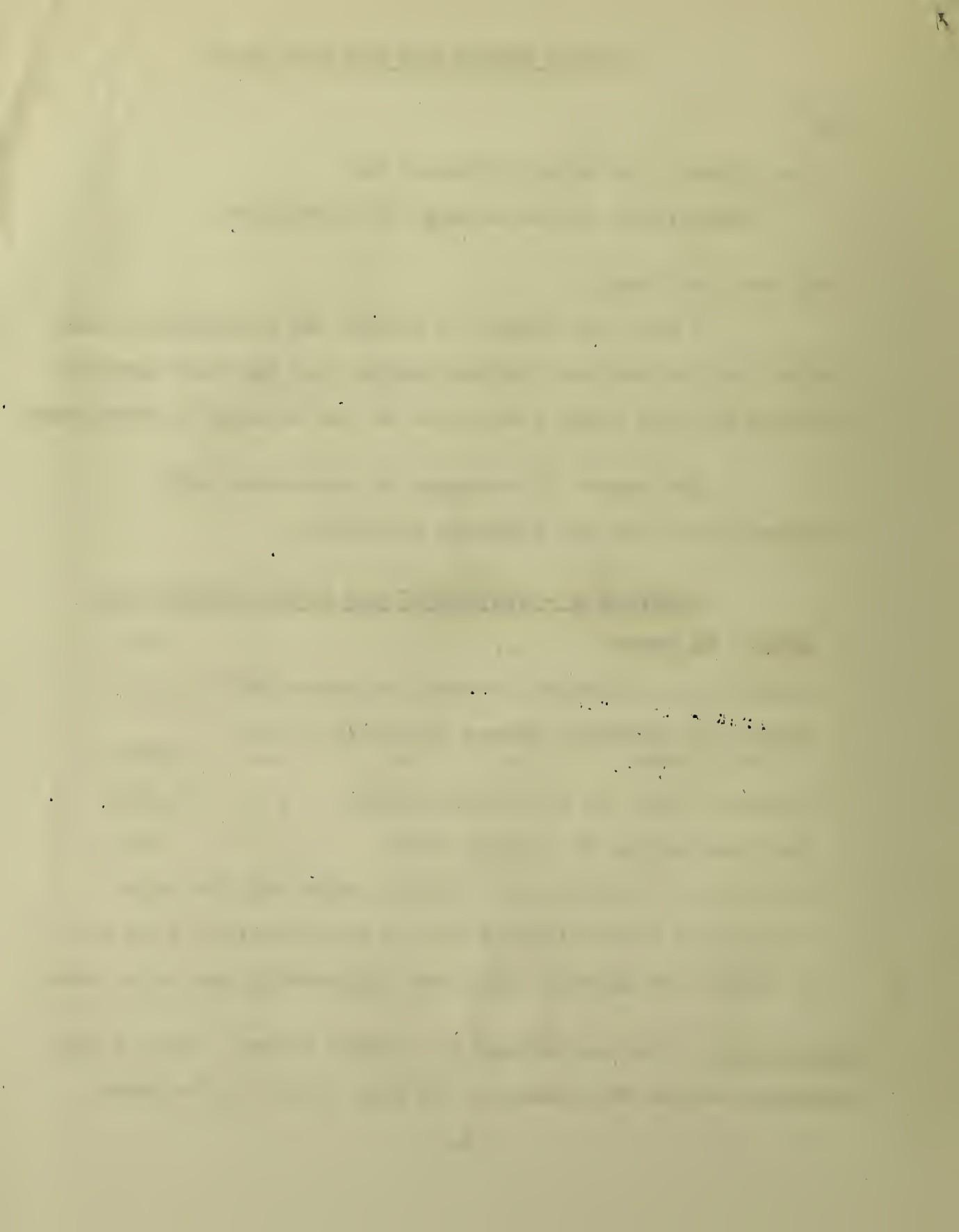
Number of Inhabited Houses according to the
Rate Books 2,804.

Rateable Value as at 31st. December ... £77,713.

Sum represented by a penny rate.. ... £310.

The Social conditions are mainly urban and the chief occupation of the inhabitants is in connection with the Markets, the Brewery, and some Engineering and Motor work.

Unemployment. In the Borough the number of Men, Women & Boys unemployed varied from about 90 in June to 175 in December.



VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
<u>Live Births.</u>	152	80	72
Legitimate	146	78	68
Illegitimate	6	2	4

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population = 14.91
 Birth Rate for England & Wales = 14.9

Still Births. 8 .. 2 6

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still-births) births = 50.00

Deaths. 119 51 68

Death Rates.

Local (Crude) Death Rate per 1,000 of
 the estimated resident population = 11.67

Comparability Factor for adjusting the
Local Death Rates (see note below) = .86

Adjusted (Comparable) Death Rate for the
 Borough of Dorchester for 1937 = 10.03

Death Rate for England and Wales ... 12.4

Deaths. Rate per 1000
 total(live &
 still) births.

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis Nil .. Nil

Deaths from other puerperal causes Nil .. Nil

Total Nil .. Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1000 live births. 65.78

Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live
 births 54.79

Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate
 live births. 333.33

Deaths from Cancer 20.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) Nil.

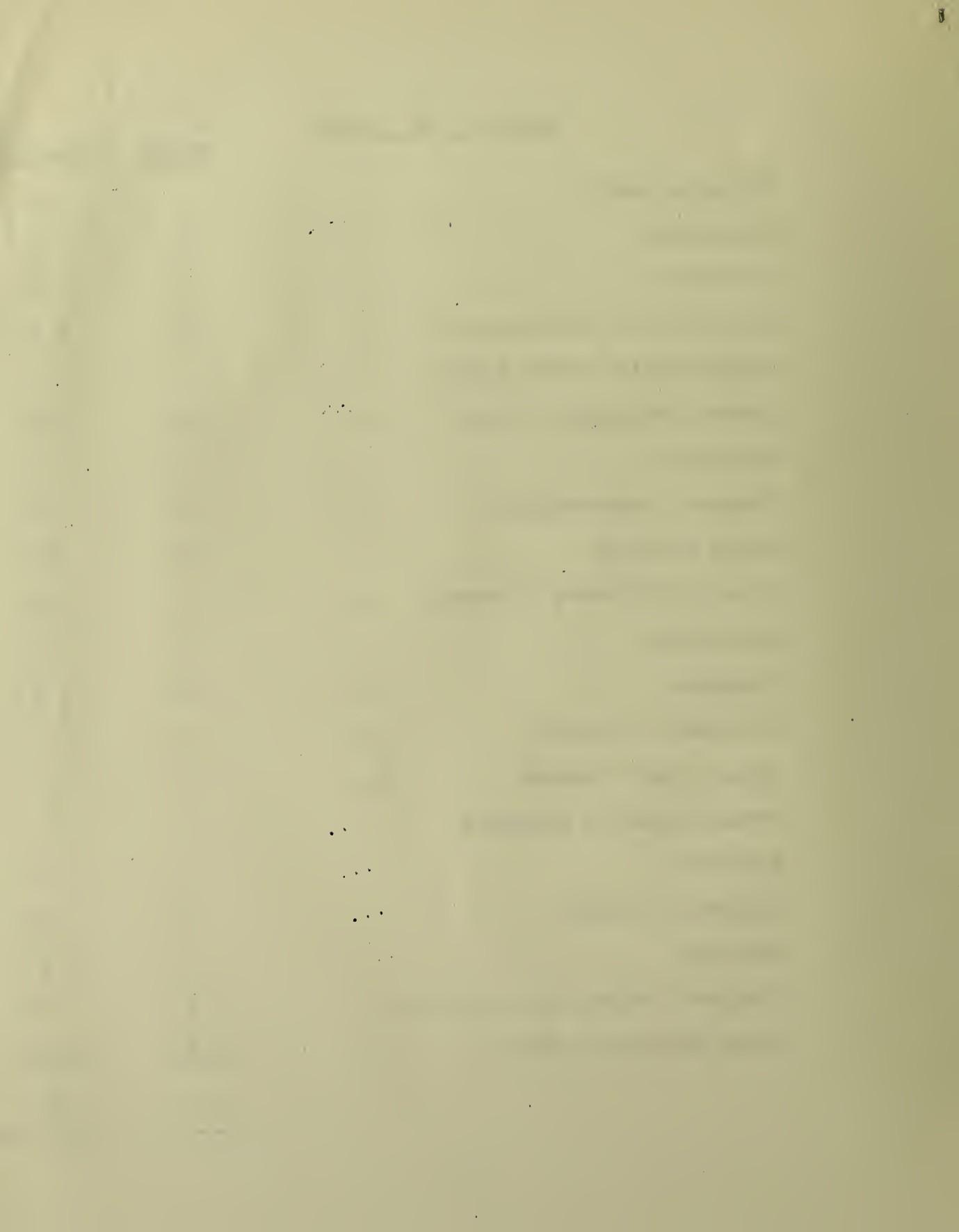
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) 2.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).. .. Nil.

Note on the Comparability Factor for adjusting the Local
Death Rates of 1931 and subsequent years.

This is a factor, by which the crude death rate of the area should be multiplied in order to make it comparable, from a mortality point of view, with the crude death rate of the country as a whole or with the mortality of any other local area, the crude death rate of which should be similarly modified with its own factor for the purpose.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.		
		<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Whooping Cough	- 2
Diphtheria	1 -
Influenza	- 1
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	...	1	2
Tuberculosis (other forms)	...	-	1
Cancer, malignant disease	...	10	10
Diabetes	- 1
Cerebral haemorrhage...	...	3	4
Heart disease...	...	12	18
Other circulatory diseases	...	-	3
Bronchitis	...	4	2
Pneumonia	...	6	4
Cirrhosis of Liver	...	-	-
Other Liver diseases...	...	1	-
Other digestive diseases	...	3	-
Nephritis	...	2	-
Congenital causes	...	1	5
Senility	...	-	4
Violence (other than suicide)...	...	4	3
Other defined diseases.	...	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
		51	68
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No condition of occupation or environment seem to have had any prejudicial effect on health.

SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(i) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS of the AUTHORITY.

See page 1.

(ii) (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES. No change in the arrangements since last year.

Sputum from suspected cases of tuberculosis is sent to the Laboratory, King Street, Poole under the County Council Scheme. Other pathological and bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Clinical Investigation Laboratory, 2a Wimborne Road, Bournemouth.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. There have been no changes in these arrangements during the year. A motor ambulance is kept at the Isolation Hospital and is used for infectious disease cases only. It brings in cases from the Rural Area as well as from the Borough. The arrangements are quite adequate and satisfactory in every way.

(c) NURSING in the HOME:-

No change in the arrangements.

MIDWIVES. The following is a list of State-Certified Midwives who notified their intention to practise in the Borough of Dorchester during the year ended 31st. December 1937.

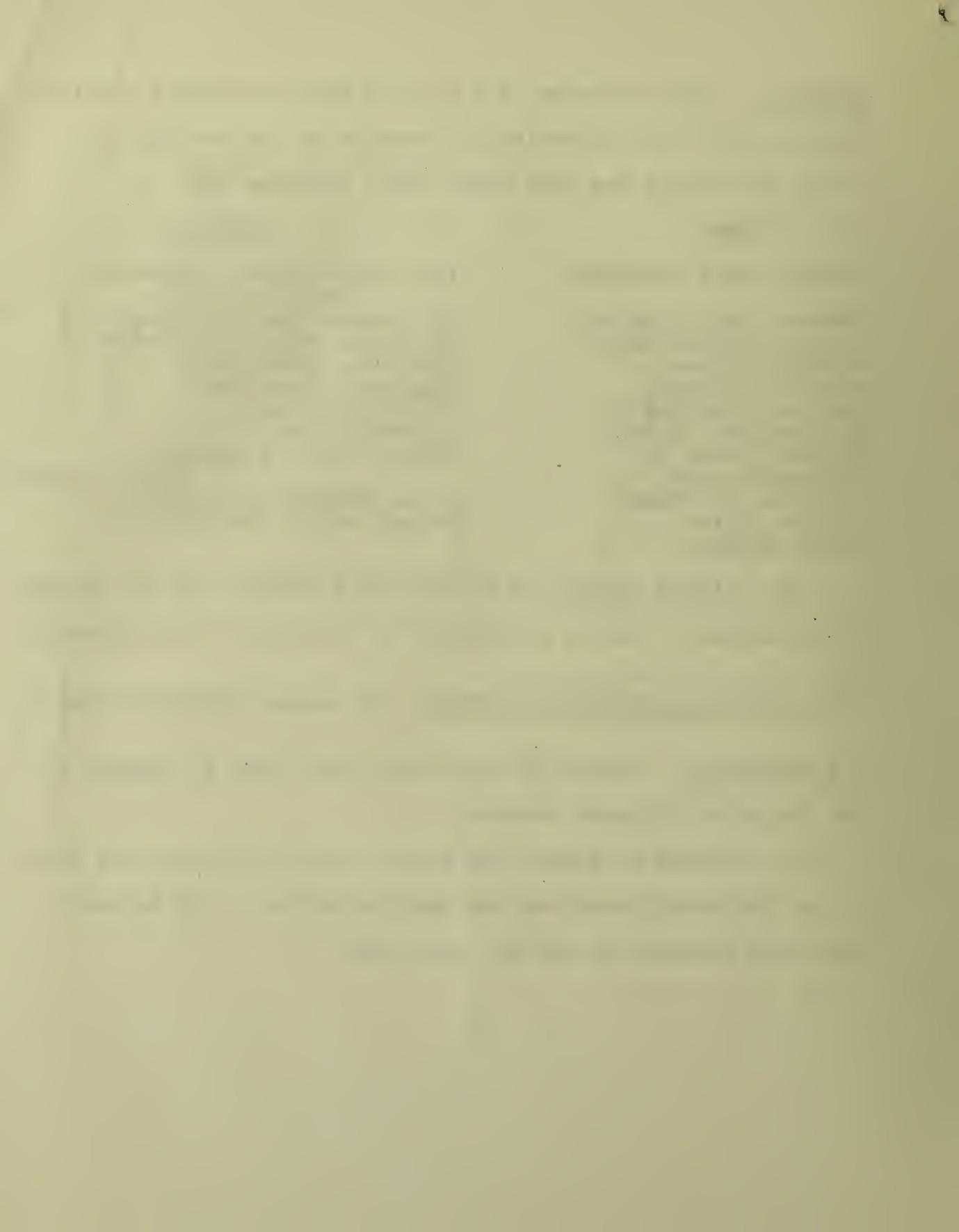
<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>
O'Leary, Mary Josephine	P.A. Institution, Dorchester (left district).
Roberts, Ivy Ellen May	24. Louise Road, Dorchester.
Rockett, Lilian Mary	23. Glyde Path Road, Dorchester.
Willard, Lilian	Knighton, Lorne Road, "
Smith, Eva Bronwen	Kingston, Lorne Road, "
Edwards, Winifred B.	41. Louise Road, "
Sullivan, Marion Eva	8, Damers Road, "
Barrett, Grace M.	Dorset County Hospital.
Walkington, Jane	" " " (left District)
Richards, Gertrude	P.A. Institution, Dorchester.
Jenkins, Olive	Dorset County Hospital.
Eaton, Margaret	" " "

Mrs. Lilian Willard is a subsidised midwife for the Borough of Dorchester. She is subsidised by the Dorset County Council.

(d) CLINICS and TREATMENT CENTRES:- No change during the year.

(e) HOSPITALS. During the year there have been no changes in the Isolation Hospital services.

Dr. Dorothy M. Howse, the Medical Superintendent, has given me the following report on the administration of the Borough Isolation Hospital during the year 1937.



Admissions.

	Borough	Dorchester Rural	Wareham Rural.	Total.
Scarlet Fever	3	11	4	18
Measles	-	2	-	2
Chicken Pox	1	2	-	3
Erysipelas	-	1	-	1
Septic Tonsillitis	1	-	-	1
Observation (Found not to be any Infectious disease)	2	1	-	3
Totals	7	17	4	28

There have been no deaths in the Hospital.

The Nursing Staff consists of:-

- 1 Matron (General Trained & Fever Trained S.R.N.)
- 1 Staff Nurse (Fever Trained S.R.N.)
- 2 Assistant Nurses (Fever Trained).

The Domestic Staff consists of:-

- 1 Cook General (post at present vacant)) all
- 2 Ward Maids) resident
- 1 Between Maid)
- 1 Laundress)

The new block of four Cubicle Wards has been completed & taken into use. The Cubicles are comfortable, and attractive in appearance, but lack Wireless (a great drawback of convalescent adult patients).

A Bathroom & W.C. have been added to the Bungalow (which is in connection with the Nurses Home) an addition which was urgently needed.

WATER. A plentiful supply is pumped from a well about 120 feet deep in the chalk. Over three million gallons of water are pumped every week.

The extension to Charminster has been discontinued, as this village is now supplied from the Forston Bore-hole. The water has not been bacteriologically examined during the year.

New supplies connected were a 4 in. main in new road on the Maiden Castle Estate and a 4 in. main in Damers Road Service Road.

(II) DRAINAGE. There has been no important extension.

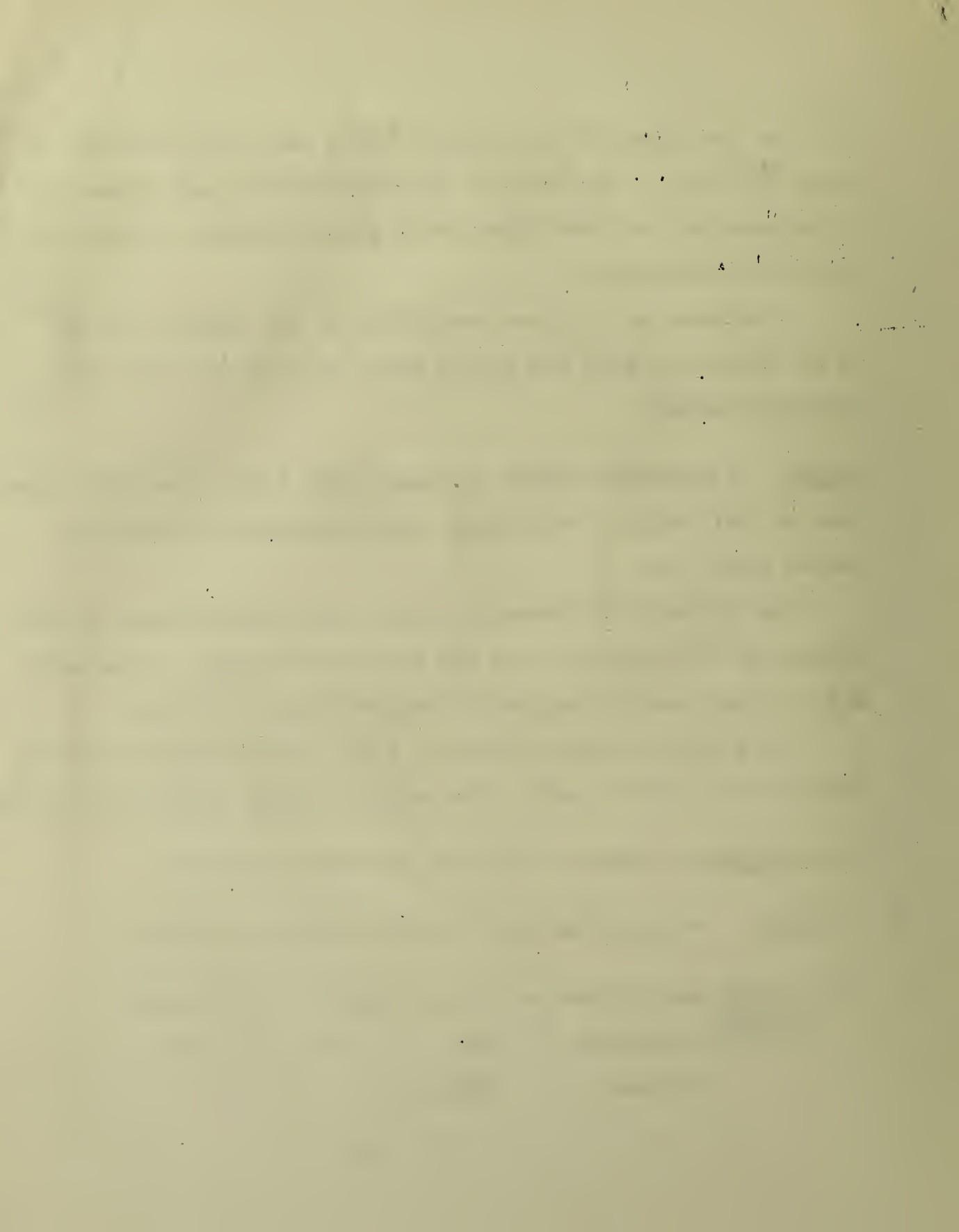
2. RIVERS. No pollution has been discovered or reported.

3. (i) CLOSET Earth Closets - 15 on outskirts of Borough.

ACCOMMO-

DATION. Cesspools - 14 do. do.

Privies - Nil.



With the exception of those cases above mentioned, all houses in the Borough are provided with water-closets. Eleven additional sanitary conveniences have been provided for the use of the occupants of houses who previously had to share one-water-closet.

In addition, other premises have been closed as unfit for human habitation, so that there now remains 15 cases (i.e. 30 houses) in which two separate houses have only one water-closet between them. This is a matter which needs urgent attention, as it is very obvious that every house should have at least one water-closet.

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING.

DUSTBINS.

In October of the year under review the Public Health Act, 1936, came into operation, and action was at once taken under Section 75 which requires the provisions of suitable covered dustbins for the reception of house refuse.

Up to the end of the year 17 such dustbins were provided where the receptacles previously in use were not in conformity with the Act.

Motor lorries collect dry refuse from houses throughout the borough on three days a week. This refuse is deposited about a mile from the town. Cesspools and Earth Closets are not emptied by this authority.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following particulars of the work done in this Borough during the last year have been supplied by Mr. Groombridge, the Sanitary Inspector:-

NUMBER and NATURE of INSPECTIONS made:-

Dwelling-houses	..	..	..	273
Bakehouses	..	..	..	20
Dairies, Cowsheds & Milk-shops.			..	33
Slaughter-houses	..	..	..	422
Factories & Workshops..		..	..	28
New Buildings (Drainage work)..			..	84
Premises under Notice..		..	..	794
In connection with Infectious disease..				37
Petroleum Stores	..	..	..	107
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	142
Places where Food is prepared..			..	467
Houses measured (Housing Survey)			..	842
In connection with Shops Acts..			..	289

SUMMARY of COMPLAINTS RECEIVED:-

Insanitary condition of houses	..	..	6
Foul Accumulations	..	..	1
House drainage	..	..	9
Miscellaneous	..	..	<u>3</u>
Total			19

At the request of the Borough Surveyor, Drainage Work in connection with New Buildings has been supervised, examined and tested, and for this purpose 84 visits have been paid to the various premises.

Under Section 5 of the Housing Act, 1936, the number of dwelling-houses inspected amounted to 199, and, as formerly, reports upon the premises have been submitted to the Special Committee appointed to deal with the provisions of the Act in question.

The Table given below shows the position of the Houses which have been reported upon during the period under review:-

Alfred Place	...	...	11
Alfred Road	...	...	1
Cambridge Road	...	...	1
Colliton Street	...	...	1
Cromwell Road	...	...	2
Culliford Road	...	...	2
Durngate Street	...	...	1
Friary Lane	...	...	2
Glyde Path Road	...	...	1
Greyhound Yard	...	...	1
Great Western Road...	...	...	8
High Street, Fordington	...	...	1
High West Street	...	...	1
Holloway Road	...	...	1
Kings Road	...	...	7
Little Britain	...	...	9
Lorne Road	...	...	1
Maud Road	...	...	3
Millers Close	...	...	3
Mill Street	...	...	1
Monmouth Road	...	...	83
Olga Road	...	...	1
Princes Street	...	...	3
Prospect Road	1
South Court Avenue...	50
St. Georges Road	1
The Grove	1
York Terrace	1
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Total.		199	
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The various defects which have been discovered in the course of the Inspections have necessitated the service of 58 notices under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936 - and 3 informal notices.

In addition, 3 of the houses were found to be in such a condition that they were not considered capable of being, at a reasonable expense, rendered fit for human habitation, and were consequently dealt with under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936. In one of these instances the house has already been demolished.

WORK CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR.

Drains laid	79
" repaired	3
" cleared	16
Soil & Ventilating pipes erected	53
" " " repaired	-
Existing Soil pipes ventilated	-
W.C. apparatuses provided..	91
" " repaired..	11
Separate closet accommodation provided	11
Paving of Yards repaired	3
Floors repaired	10
Roofs	27
Eaves-gutters & Stackpipes repaired	16
Rooms cleansed	124
Dampness remedied..	34
Doors repaired	5
Windows "	12
Grates repaired or renewed.	6
Sash cords of windows renewed	21
Stairs repaired	1
Defective sinks renewed	5
Coppers repaired or renewed	7
Dustbins provided..	17

NOTICES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR:-

	Number Issued.	Complied with	Outstanding.
Preliminary Notices ..	136	131	5
Sect. 36 Public Health Act, " 94 " " " 1875 - - -			
" 160 " " " - - -			
" 9 Housing Act, 1936 .. 58 55 3			
" 11 " " " 3 1 2			
" 157 " " " 94 94 - - -			
	291	281	10
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SUMMARY of PART of WORK:-

Calls & Communications received & entered	1,255
Letters written (general)	489
" " (Housing Act). ..	..	210
Reports made to Committees ..	..	36
Notices issued ..	..	291
Entries made in:-		
Nuisance Journal. ..	..	51
Records of Inspection of Dwelling-houses. ..	..	199
Infectious Diseases' Register. ..	..	14
Dairy, Cowsheds & Milk-shop Register. ..	..	-
School Notices issued. ..	..	8
Rooms disinfected ..	..	21

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS and WORKPLACES.

1. INSPECTION of Factories &c.	<u>Inspections.</u>	No. of	Written Notices.
Factories ..	..	8	1
Workshops ..	..	28	3
 2. DEFECTS found in WORKSHOPS:			
Want of Cleanliness)	-	-
Defective drainage ..)	3	3
Insufficient sanitary accommodation ..)	-	-
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	3	3	-----
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OUTWORKERS:-

Two lists of Outworkers, affecting one worker have been received and the particulars recorded.

OTHER SANITARY CONDITIONS.

Disposal of the Dead. There is sufficient space for the burial of the dead. The nearest Crematorium is at Bournemouth.

4. SCHOOLS. The Water Supply & general sanitary condition of the schools has been satisfactory.

In cases of infectious diseases the Head Teachers of the Day and Superintendents of Sunday Schools are notified and requested to exclude the children concerned until further notice.

During the year the following diseases were prevalent at the Schools and times mentioned:-

- (1) Influenza at the Girls School in January.
- (2) Mumps at the Boys School in March.
- (3) Jaundice at Dorchester Council School in October and November,

RAG FLOCK ACTS 1911 and 1928.

No Rag Flock is manufactured in this district.

DISINFECTION.

On the outbreak of an infectious disease the house is visited, and after the removal or recovery of the patient the infected rooms are fumigated, and the bedding and other articles are removed to the steam disinfecter which was installed at the Isolation Hospital in 1930. The following is a list of the articles so treated during the year:-

Beds ..	..	..	..	-
Mattresses..	..	..	..	15
Palliasses..	..	..	..	-
Bolsters ..	..	..	..	2
Pillows ..	..	..	..	32
Sheets ..	..	..	..	8
Blankets ..	..	..	..	15
Quilts ..	..	..	..	3
Counterpanes	..	..	..	-
Eiderdowns..	..	..	..	3
Bedspreads..	..	..	..	1
Carpets ..	..	..	..	-
Rugs ..	..	..	..	5
Cushions ..	..	..	..	1
Toilet Covers	..	..	..	5
Towels ..	..	..	..	2
Articles of wearing apparel.			..	-
Curtains ..	..	..	..	6
Mats ..	..	..	..	-
Handkerchiefs	..	..	..	2
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	3
Total.				103

SECTION D. H O U S I N G.

Number of New Houses erected during the year:-

41

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES.

(1)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	)	273
	Number of inspections made .. ..	)	825
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 .. .. .. ..	)	199
	Number of inspections made .. ..	)	441
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found, during this period, to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ..	)	3
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the pre- ceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.. .. ..	)	61

2. REMEDY of DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE of FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of in- formal action by the Local Authority or their Officers)	3
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 & 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	58
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit:-	
(a) by owners..	55
(b) by local authority in default of owners.	Nil.

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..	71
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied:-	
(a) by owners	71
(b) by local authority in default of owners	Nil.

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	5
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	1

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil.
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit ..	Nil.

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding:-

(a) - (i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ..	5
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	5
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	36
(b) -	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ..	5
(c) - (i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ..	9
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	68
(d) -	Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil.
5.	Total No. of new houses erected during 1937	41
	No. erected during 1937 with State Assistance	
	1. By Local Authority ..	Nil.
	2. By other Bodies or Persons ..	Nil.
	No. of Houses owned by Local Authority	314.
	Approximate No. of working class houses in District	2,500.

The measurement of the various rooms in houses affected by the Housing Act, 1935, was continued during the year and the records are now complete.

In the execution of this work 5 further cases of over-crowding were discovered, in one case the "permitted number"

being exceeded by 1 unit (i.e. a person over the age of 10 years), and in the remaining 4 cases by $\frac{1}{2}$ unit (namely, a child between the age of 1 and 10 years).

During the year 9 cases of overcrowding have been remedied either by the transfer of such families into suitable Council Houses as they became vacant, or by removals privately arranged by the tenants themselves. 842 houses were measured during the year and the necessary particulars recorded.

Applications for the "permitted numbers" for houses which come within the scope of the Act in question have been received from the owners, and the necessary slips for attachment to rent books forwarded in 1,223 cases.

NUMBER of HOUSES OWNED BY THIS AUTHORITY.

The total number of houses owned by this authority is 314.

Sixty-six of these are pre-war property and two hundred and forty-eight have been built under the housing schemes since the war.

SECTION E. INSPECTION and SUPERVISION of FOOD.

(a) MILK SUPPLY.

Dairies, Cowsheds & Milkshops. There are at present twenty-three persons registered as Cowkeepers, Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk within the Borough, one of whom produces "Tuberculin Tested Milk".

As required by the Milk & Dairies' (Amendment) Act, 1922, the register has been divided into two sections, viz. wholesale and retail purveyors, there being 7 of the former and 19 of the latter. About 230 cows are kept within the Borough.

In an endeavour to improve conditions under which milk is produced and sold the undermentioned samples of milk have been forwarded for bacteriological examination and the necessary action taken on the reports received:-

1 - Tuberculin Tested milk (on behalf of Ministry of Health),

3 - Ungraded milk, and

1 - Pasteurised milk.

Under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936, the following licences have been granted by the Council:-

1 - For Pasteurising milk,

1 - For Tuberculin Tested milk,

1 - For Bottling Accredited milk,

2 - For Dealers in Tuberculin Tested milk, and

1 - Supplementary Licence for Pasteurised milk.

During the year 18 families have been provided with milk by the Council under the Maternity and Child Welfare Act, 1918, at a cost of £29. 15. 0. All duties in connection with the administration of this Act have now been undertaken by the Dorset County Council.

(b) MEAT &c.

Public Health (Meat Regulations).

There are five licensed slaughter-houses within the Borough, all of which have been kept in proper order. Bye-laws for the compulsory use of humane killers were adopted in 1923. The occupiers of slaughter houses have given notice as to their regular times of slaughtering.

Unsound meat is destroyed in the incinerator provided for the purpose. The following table shows the Meat & Carcasses inspected and condemned:-

CARCASES INSPECTED and CONDEMNED.

	Cattle, excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known).					
Number inspected ..	150		380	640	677
All diseases except Tuberculosis. Whole carcasses con- demned.					
	1		1	10	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	12		-	8	19
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis.	8.6		0.26	2.8	3.1

	Cattle, in excluding Cows.	Gows.Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcases condemned.	7	3	-	12
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	20	-	-	48
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	18	0.79	-	8.8

SLAUGHTER of ANIMALS ACT, 1933.

In accordance with the requirements of The Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933, all slaughtermen engaged in the local slaughter-houses have been licensed; two of such licences have been renewed during the year.

FOOD CONDEMNED.

During the year the undermentioned food, other than butcher's meat, being unfit for human consumption, was destroyed:-

Haddock	...	...	20 lbs.
Kippers	...	...	14 "
Tinned Brisket of Beef.			78 "

BAKEHOUSES.

At present there are thirteen bakehouses in use within the Borough, eight of them being "factory" bakehouses.

Two of the bakehouses are "underground" - these having been certified as fit for the purpose.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928.

Under the above-named Act, 55 licences for the keeping of Petroleum Spirit have been issued, 52 of which were for the renewal of existing licences and three for new installations, in addition to which one licence was transferred.

Ten licences for the storage of Carbide of Calcium were also renewed.

(c) CHEMICAL WORK. Samples of Food and Drugs are taken by the police and analysed by the County Analyst.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1928.

The following samples were taken in this Borough during the year with the results as stated:-

<u>Article.</u>	<u>No. of samples.</u>	<u>Genuine.</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>No. of samples.</u>	<u>Genuine.</u>
Almond Essence	1	Yes	Rice (Ground)	1	Yes
Barley (Pearl)	1	"	Rum	1	"
Beer	2	"	Sausages	2	"
Butter	2	"	Tapioca	2	"
Camphorated Oil	1	"	Tea	1	"
Castor Oil	1	"	Vinegar (Malt)	1	"
Dripping	1	"	Whisky	1	"
Fish Paste	1	"	Zinc Ointment	1	"
Gin	1	"	Cream	1	"
Gregory's Powder	1	"	Custard Powder	1	"
Glycerine	2	"	Ham	1	"
Iodine, Tinct. of	3	(1 "	Jelly	1	"
		(2 No.	New Milk	1	"
Lard	1	Yes.	Sago	1	"
Milk	16	(15 "	Tinned Cream	1	"
		(1 No.			
Oatmeal	1	1 Yes.			

Action taken in adulterated samples:-

Iodine, Tincture of - one sample 4.5% deficient in Iodine. Informal.
Iodine, Tincture of - one sample 2.1% deficient in Iodine. Formal.
Seller cautioned.

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SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF, and CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS
and OTHER DISEASES.

DIPHTHERIA. No case was notified in this district during the year. A child whose usual place of residence in Dorchester, developed the laryngeal type of the disease while away from this district and died in the Weymouth and District Hospital.

SCARLET FEVER. Three cases were notified. Two of these cases were twin brothers in the same house and the other case was a nurse at the Dorset County Hospital.

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA. One case was notified - one of the staff of the Dorset County Hospital.

PUERPERAL FEVER. One case at Dorset County Hospital.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA. Two cases notified at Dorset County Hospital.

PUERPERAL FEVER. As from 30th. September 1937, is no longer a notifiable disease.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM. One case was notified.

This district has been remarkably free from notifiable infectious diseases during the year, as only sixteen cases have been notified. There was a rather extensive epidemic of mild Influenza between the end of January and early March. Many of the cases showed quite definite depression.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. Clinics for free immunisation were not held during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS. All the cases of Tuberculosis deaths were notified before death, except that of one infant, in which case the diagnosis was made of Miliary Tuberculosis after death as result of a P.M.

No case of Smallpox has been notified, and no primary or revaccinations performed under the Public Health (Smallpox Prevention) Regulations 1917.

There is no record of any case of anthrax, undulant fever or psittacosis.

School intimations of suspected infectious diseases are utilized, the schools and homes visited by me, and swabs taken in suspected cases of diphtheria, and of contacts, and children are examined by me for overlooked cases of scarlet fever.

^{no} There are/facilities for cleansing and disinfection of verminous persons other than at the Public Assistance Institution.

There is no unusual prevalence of mosquitoes in this district.

No action was taken under the Public Health Act 1925
Section 62 or 66.

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION of TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

These Regulations are administered by the Dorset County Council.

No person who is employed in the Milk Trade is known to be suffering with Tuberculosis.

Tables of Infectious diseases and Tuberculosis are attached hereto.

I am, Lady & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C.D. Day.

TUBERCULOSIS 1937.

<u>New Cases.</u>									<u>Deaths.</u>	
	Age periods. Pulmonary Years.		Non-pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-pulmonary.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-										
1-										1
5-			1							
10-										
15-										
20-					1					
25-	2								1	
35-			1				1			
45-			1							
55-										
65-& up- wards }									1	
TOTALS.	2	3	-	1			1	2	-	1

TABLE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES
 (other than Tuberculosis)
 NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1937.

	Years of Age.												Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Isolation Hospital.	Total Deaths.
	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	25-	35-	45-	65		
Encephalitis lethargica	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Malaria	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia, Acute primary	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
Puerperal Fever	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	16	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	3	7	1

